

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 4

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. WAMP, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. BUYER, and Mr. NEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3       *thirds of each House concurring therein),*

### 4   **SECTION 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

5       The following article is proposed as an amendment  
6       to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be

1 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-  
2 tion when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of  
3 the several States within seven years after the date of its  
4 submission for ratification:

5 “ARTICLE —

6 “The Congress shall have power to prohibit the phys-  
7 ical desecration of the flag of the United States.”.

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